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EXPLOSION OF COAL DUST FATAL TO FIVE

Accumulation of Gas in an Illinois Coal Mine Results in Loss of Life.

FURNACE "HANG" AT PITTSBURG

Deluge of White Hot Ashes Causes Death of Sixty Men and Seriously Injuring Twenty Others.

Sandoval, Ills., April 1.—Five men were killed and four fatally injured by an explosion in the coal mine here yesterday. The dead are: Frank Davis, L. F. Lamy, Dominic Barlotto, John Gachenis and Joe Beanca. Fatally injured—Henry Newhouse, Henry Wheeler, Charles Lewis and William McFadden. Seriously hurt—Frank Day. Three of the dead men leave families.

Somebody Seems at Fault.
The accident is said to be due to an accumulation of gas in the mine from imperfect ventilation, and coal dust which had been allowed to gather two feet in depth in many places. The force of the explosion wrecked the interior of the mine, destroying trap doors and knocking down props. The coal shaft is the property of the Sandoval Coal company, of which S. S. Marshall, of Salem, is the principal stockholder. The mine recently suffered from a fire in which the frame work was burned to the ground with a loss of about \$10,000.

Six Dead and Fourteen Hurt.
Pittsburg, April 1.—An accident at furnace 1 of the Edgar Thomson plant of the Carnegie Steel company at Braddock yesterday is expected to prove one of the worst in the history of the plant in the number of deaths resulting. Twenty men were injured, six of whom are dead and ten are in the hospital and not expected to recover. The other injured went to their homes and are suffering from painful burns.

The dead are: John Smith, John Bolou, Andrew Brabae, Joseph Pehr, John Skotak and John Pehr. Seriously injured — George Kodok, Michael Stevoko, Michael Skunder, Andrew Berrits, Joseph Bobon, Frank Sebula, Steven Bezon, J. Sebula, Michael Miller, Joseph Bubolona.

Caused by a "Hang."
The accident was caused by a "hang" in the furnace dropping and forcing large quantities of white hot dust down a large pipe into a pit where the men were at work. The victims were caught like rats in a trap, without means of escape, and all were burned and blistered over their entire bodies and large strips of flesh peeled off their bodies when they were pulled out of the pit by fellow workmen. The cries of agony of the victims as they writhed in the lava-like stuff from which they were vainly trying to extricate themselves could be heard for nearly a block away.

Riches in This Invention, Too.
If a furnace is working well and making regular casts there is no blast furnaceman in the country who can tell whether that furnace will "hang," and cause an explosion. If any invention could be brought forward that could forecast "hangings" it would be the greatest invention in blast furnace history and would save many lives as well as much loss to blast furnace corporations.

Killed in an Artillery Drill.
Washington, April 1.—The overturning of a heavy piece of artillery in the drill hall at Fort Myer, Va., during the regular drill of the Fourth battery of field artillery, commanded by Captain Stephen M. Foote, caused the death of a corporal and the injury of three other soldiers. Corporal Chas. J. Slavin, of Washington, was crushed to death beneath the wheels. The injured were—Frank W. Reilly, England, confusion and abrasion of right groin; Elmer Wehn, Baltimore, slight confusion of the back of the neck; Matthew E. Duncan, Brooklyn, both legs bruised.

Daily Stem from Kentucky.
Lee City, Ky., March 30.—In a fight yesterday between the Howard and Maus families of Morgan county, Nicholas Strickland was killed and Charles McCormick and Clay Ross were fatally wounded. William Maus and Robert Howard were also wounded. No arrests were made.

Chicago Students Committed Suicide.
New York, March 30.—Herman Bowman Baber, 25 years old, of Chicago, said to be a student at Yale university, killed himself by putting a bullet through his head yesterday in his room at the Hotel Manhattan in this city. No reason is known unless it was poor health.

'YOUNG CORBETT' WINS

TERRIBLE TERRY KNOCKED OUT

But He and His Friends Insist That He Was Robbed of a Well-Won Victory.

San Francisco, April 1.—William Rothwell, better known as "Young Corbett," of Denver, showed decisively last night that his victory over Terry McGovern, of Brooklyn, at Hart-



YOUNG CORBETT IN ACTION.

ford a year ago last Thanksgiving, was no fluke by defeating McGovern in the eleventh round after a fight in which there was not a second of idleness for either man.

In nearly every round Corbett, fighting like a machine, never overlooking an opportunity to send home his blows, had a shade the better of the argument, and when finally in the eleventh round he got the Brooklyn boy fairly going he never let up on him until Terry sank to the floor a badly defeated man. Corbett put McGovern down in the first round for a count of seven, and repeated it in the second.

There was some question as to whether or not McGovern was down at the count of ten at the end, and for a few minutes it looked as if there would be a free-for-all fight. McGovern tried to get up—tried hard—and was on his feet an instant after the timekeeper counted him out. Most of the spectators agreed with the referee, but the third timekeeper, a McGovern man, declares Terry was not out. Terry himself declares it robbery, and so do all those in his corner. Rothwell says that if Terry had got up he would surely have gone down again, and out.

Native Volunteers To Be Hanged.
Manila, April 1.—Five native volunteers who betrayed the constabulary garrison at Dos, province of Albay, have been sentenced to death.

Flood Situation in Greenville.
Greenville, Miss., April 1.—The flood is practically without change. The water in the city is rising slowly, but the river continues to fall.

Crum Takes Possession of His Office.
Charleston, S. C., April 1.—W. D. Crum took charge of the custom house yesterday morning as collector of the port, having taken the oath of office Monday night. There was an immediate tender of resignation by the chief inspector of customs, a white man.

Gotmen Dead for City Ownership.
New York, April 1.—The board of aldermen has adopted a resolution indicating and urging the immediate passage of the legislative bill to permit the city to construct and operate a municipal lighting plant.

FIVE HELD TO COURT

Net Result of the First Day's Inquiry into the Turbulence at Waterbury.

STARTLING EXPOSE IS PROMISED

Connected with the Murder of Officer Mendelsohn There During the Strike.

Waterbury, Conn., April 1.—Colonel Burpee and Chief of Detectives Dodd had a conference at police headquarters last night, and later Colonel Burpee gave out a statement to the Associated Press representative. He said: "When the proper times comes we will present evidence which will be the most startling ever had before a court. There is no doubt that we have evidence which will convict before the higher court the five men who were bound over this afternoon. The evidence is most conclusive. * * * We had strikers who were not under arrest come to us and offer us evidence, but we refused it."

Names of the Five Bound Over.

Decided progress was made yesterday in the police court during the trial of the eighteen men charged with murderous assaults on men working for the street railway company. Five of the trolley strikers—Edward R. Winnegar, William Vandermark, Clifford Vandermark, Harry W. Warren and John Beartown—are bound over to the next term of the superior court under bonds of \$2,000 each, probable cause having been found by Judge Peasey. On the night when the crime was committed for which these five will stand trial, while Conductor Merna and Motorman Morissette were inside the car three masked men, carrying revolvers, entered and ordered them to throw up their hands and leave. A moment later Merna was felled with a blow from a club and rendered unconscious. He was left lying across the tracks.

Witnesses Promised Immunity.

The surprise of the hearing was the announcement made by the attorneys for the defense at the conclusion of Winnegar's trial that they would put in no defense. Prosecuting Attorney Durant having previously warned them that the testimony in the first case would apply to the other four men. A portion of the testimony of all the witnesses which caused considerable comment was the statement that they had been promised immunity from punishment provided they told what they knew about the assault.

Testimony of Thomas Kenney.

One of the witnesses, Thomas Kenney, testified to being with Ryan, Kelly, Bally, and Whitty, four of the men arrested, on the night of the assault. There were nineteen men in the party. Kenney admitted that he had told Detective Rogers that they were going up the tracks to "do up a couple of scabs." Kenney testified to the assault, but did not see it because the lights went out. He heard one of the men in the party say "We're going to trim the scabs."

GIVEN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY

But the Decision Reverses That of a Judge Who is Now on the Supreme Bench.

Indianapolis, April 1.—The Postal Telegraph Cable company won a victory in the appellate court yesterday over the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway company et al, in an appeal from the Lake circuit court, and as a result the company has the right to set its poles on the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville right-of-way from Hammond to Monticello.

The decision reverses Judge Gillett, who is now a member of the supreme court of the state. The court holds that a telegraph company has a right to condemn for use property already appropriated for a right-of-way in cases where the two uses are not inconsistent.

Increase of Miners' Wages.

Indianapolis, April 1.—A few figures compiled by Secretary Wilson, of the U. M. W., show that thebituminous miners, as a result of the national and state conventions, will this year receive an aggregate increase of \$19,487,000 in wages over last year. This is based on the output of last year. Including the advance received by the anthracite men the total will be about \$35,000,000 this year.

Strike in the Smelters Settled.

Colorado Springs, Colo., April 1.—The strike of smelter men has been settled. Manager MacNeil, of the United States Reduction and Refining company, has promised the strikers to reinstate the men by May 15. These men are those whose places have been taken by non-union men, and the company wanted sixty days.

Committee Chooses a Deaf Man.

Boston, April 1.—After having devoted six months to the duty of selecting a general secretary to succeed J. Willis Baur, the committee of sixteen trustees of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, appointed for the purpose, has chosen for the office Von Ogden Vogt, of Beloit, Wis.

Going to Trade Grain Currencies.

Chicago, April 1.—It is the purpose of the interstate commerce commission to make a searching investigation into the method of handling and transporting grain on both western and eastern railroads.

SHORT DEEPWATER CANAL

From Indiana Harbor Three-and-a-Half Miles South—Also a New Coal Road.

Indianapolis, March 31.—It is announced here that a contract has been signed between the Indiana Harbor syndicate and the Trunk lines running through Hammond from Chicago by which a canal will be built at once from Indiana Harbor three-and-one-half miles south to the Calumet river, the canal to be twenty-one feet deep, 300 feet wide at the mouth and 250 feet wide elsewhere. It will cost \$700,000. The railroads will construct swing bridges.

The syndicate has incorporated here the East Chicago Belt line to parallel the canal at a distance of 3,000 feet from it, to give factories railroad shipping facilities, and has incorporated the Indiana Harbor Railroad company, to connect the harbor with the coal fields of Indiana in the vicinity of Terre Haute. A steamship line has also been organized. The Wolf Lake harbor project is now under way, contracts for dredging being let. One hundred teams have begun work on the Indiana Harbor project.

WITH PISTOL AND HATCHET

Two Girls Do the Carrie Nation Stunt at Winfield, Kan., in Search of a Brother.

Winfield, Kan., March 31.—The two daughters of John Osborne, of this city, armed with pistols and hatchets, while in search of their brother, Ed Osborne, smashed down doors and destroyed other property at two saloons. They first visited Art Schmidt's place in North Main street and being refused admittance battered down the front door.

The bartender attempted to draw his revolver when the sisters promptly covered him with their pistols and he dropped down behind the counter. Before leaving the place they smashed a number of bottles and glasses. At Chad Thomas' place, near-by, they smashed a large front window when refused admittance. They were not arrested.

Nine Hundred Men Resume Work.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 31.—About 900 men employed at the Buffalo Dry Dock company, who have been on strike for several days have returned to work. The trouble between the Dry Dock company and the men has not yet been settled, but the men have agreed to return to work while the troubles are being adjusted by an arbitration committee which has been appointed.

Held Luncheon in the Barn.

New York, March 31.—C. K. G. Billings, who gave a dinner on horseback Saturday evening to members of the Equestrian club, of this city, has formally opened his new stable by tendering a luncheon to his friends. The luncheon was served in the main carriage room of the stable.

Lived To Be 101 Years Old.

Thomas, O. T., March 31.—Dr. John P. Wood, of Coffeyville, Kan., one of the oldest physicians in the United States, died here Sunday, aged 101 years. Dr. Wood had been engaged in active practice for seventy-five years. He was a pioneer of Kansas.

Ordered on Escort Duty.

Peoria, Ills., March 31.—Captain Tripp, commanding troop G, First cavalry, of this city, has been ordered to report to Springfield on the occasion of President Roosevelt's visit to that city early in June, to act as escort on the visit to Lincoln's tomb.

Candidate Ruler Withdraws.

Janesville, Wis., March 31.—William Ruger, candidate for the position of supreme court judge, has declared his intention of withdrawing from the race, and has so notified the secretary of state.

Dubuque a Reserve City.

Washington, March 31.—The comptroller of the currency has designated Dubuque, Ia., as a reserve city under the act passed at the last session of congress.

NEWS FACTS IN OUTLINE

The home of the Marist brothers, at St. Hyacinth, Quebec, a Roman Catholic benevolent institution, has been burned to the ground. Loss, \$50,000.

Final arrangements have been made at Glasgow to amalgamate thirteen Scotch malleable iron firms with a capital of \$6,000,000.

It is officially announced that King Edward and Queen Alexandra will visit Ireland in July or August of this year.

Mrs. Nelson A. Miles, who was taken suddenly ill on Sunday, at West Point, N. Y., has left for Washington, accompanied by General Miles.

Luke James, aged 50, a hotel-keeper at Bonilla, threw himself under a train at Huron, S. D., and was instantly killed.

An earth shock of unprecedented violence was experienced at Jerusalem yesterday, but only slight damage was done.

Miss Bessie Knecht, 22 years old, is asleep in a Salt Lake City hospital and has been so for twenty-nine days and cannot be roused.

The London Globe says a Harvard-Yale-Oxford-Cambridge field meeting has been arranged for this summer.

The price paid W. A. H. Bass, of the Tenth Hussars, to E. S. Sevier, for his famous race horse Sceptre was \$125,000.

INSPECTION OF MILITIA

Nearly All the States Will Be Ready Next Month for a Proposed Count.

NEW RIFLES ARE TO BE ISSUED

War Department Wants to Know How Many of Them Will Be Needed.

Washington, March 31.— Prompt and satisfactory responses have been received at the war department from adjutants general of states and territories to the recent telegraphic inquiry as to when the organized militia will be ready for personal inspection by an army officer, in order to determine the number of magazine arms and equipments to be issued to them under the provisions of the new militia law. With only few exceptions the state troops will be ready for the proposed inspection during the month of April, and it is expected that the war department will be able to announce its plans for the inspection in a few days.

States Which Are Ready.

The states which have announced their readiness for inspection either during April, or at the convenience of the war department, are: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin. The militia of the District of Columbia, Arizona, Utah, Washington and Wyoming are already armed with the regulation magazine muskets.

States That Are Not Ready.

The militia of Delaware is being reorganized, and is not ready for inspection at this time. A similar state of affairs exists in Florida, which state suggested that the inspection of her troops be postponed until August. The New Hampshire militia will be encamped at Concord, June 15, and it is probable that it will be inspected at that time. The new adjutant general of Tennessee suggests that the inspection of the militia of that state be deferred until May or June.

Inspection Is a Big Job.

There are 2,005 organization in the several states, stationed at 1,105 places, making the proposed inspection an undertaking of great magnitude.

CITY RULERS ARE INDICTED

Extraordinary Case of Alleged Municipal Sinfulness Attack at Seattle, Wash.

Seattle, Wash., March 31.—For some weeks the grand jury has been investigating stories of corruption in the city government, and yesterday nineteen indictments were returned, seven of which are against petty offenders, and the others against city officials. The following list embraces all save the minor ones referred to:

Mayor T. J. Humes, malfeasance in office; Chief of Police Sullivan, malfeasance in office; Police Judge George, failure to perform his sworn duty; Justice T. H. Cann, extortion and perjury; George U. Piper, perjury; Jacob Furth, obtaining a valuable property by fraud; Walter S. Fulton, failure to perform his sworn duty; Charles F. Whittlesey, larceny by embezzlement; P. P. Padgett, larceny by embezzlement; W. H. Whittlesey, larceny by embezzlement.

Hard Coal Reduced 50 Cents.

Philadelphia, March 31.—The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Co., through a circular gave official notice of a reduction of 50 cents per ton in prices of prepared or domestic anthracite coal for the month of April. The sizes affected in the April price list are broken egg, stove and chestnut. There will be no change on the price of furnace and steam sizes, which are largely sold under contract.

Woman Robbed of \$900.

Marion, Ind., March 31.—Mrs. S. L. McQuinn was robbed of \$900 on the public square at 10 o'clock a. m. She had just drawn the money from a bank and at Third and Adams she was jostled by two men who took the money from her pocketbook which was hanging from her belt. The men, who have not been arrested, were standing outside the door when the woman drew the money.

Military Academy Quarantined.

Waukegan, Wis., March 31.—The St. John's Military academy at Delafield has been quarantined owing to the discovery of four cases of smallpox within that institution. The authorities of Waukegan were notified and placed a guard over the academy, which will be continued night and day for seven days. One hundred and fifty cadets will be kept prisoners during the period of quarantine.

Editor Warns of Jail Life.

Grand Rapids, Wis., March 31.—John P. Cooley, the editor of the Wisconsin Valley Leader, was released from his cell in the Wood county jail Saturday after furnishing bail in the sum of \$300. Cooley was arrested and placed in the jail about two months ago because he refused to comply with an order of the court relative to paying alimony to his little son and divorced wife.

MITCHELL AND BOGLE TO SETTLE DISPUTE

Will Arbitrate Difference Between Indiana Block Coal Operators and Miners.

BAD FAITH CHARGED BY MINERS

Preparations Complete for the Dedication of Shiloh Monument, Which Will Take Place Next Month.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 1.—The wage committee of the Indiana miners and operators had a further conference yesterday morning. It is possible that the vote to strike taken Monday evening may be reconsidered. The principal point in dispute is the employment of expert shot-firers in certain mines. Last winter the miners had a bill introduced in the legislature compelling the operators to employ firers. At the national convention the operators demanded that this bill be withdrawn and it was done.

Claim Made by the Miners.

The miners claim that the operators agreed to adjust this difference at the state convention, and alleged that the ultimatum delivered to the miners last week violates the agreement at Indianapolis. At the conference yesterday morning it was agreed to refer the question to President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, and Walter S. Bogle, the Chicago operator who was present when the matter was discussed. If they decide that the matter was an attempt to deceive the miners there will be possibly a protracted strike. Bogle and Mitchell are expected to arrive today about noon. Over 40,000 men are affected.

Operators Want More Time.

The operators asked for more time to consider the miners' rejection of their proposition. The yearly contract with the miners ended at midnight last night and 10,000 men have a holiday today. The operators hope to make a settlement by tonight to prevent a general suspension of work tomorrow. The feeling is that a strike will be averted.

Mitchell and Bogle Can't Meet.

Indianapolis, April 1.—President Mitchell said last night it would be impossible for him to meet W. S. Bogle, of the Indiana operators, this week unless they meet at Terre Haute today. Bogle is tied up at Chicago in the federal injunction cases, and cannot be at Terre Haute today. This means, Mitchell says, that nothing can be done toward a settlement conference on the differences between the Indiana miners and operators until after this week.

INDIANA'S SHILOH MONUMENTS

There on the Battlefield of Shiloh, Nine-teen in Number, To Be Dedicated Next Week.

Indianapolis, April 1.—Extensive preparations are making for the dedication of nineteen monuments by the state of Indiana on the battlefield of Shiloh, Tenn., April 6 and 7, the forty-first anniversary of the great battle at that place. The governors of Indiana and Tennessee, together with militia from those states, will take part in the ceremonies. Assistant Secretary Sanger, of the war department, will represent the secretary of war, who will be unable to attend, and will accept the monuments on behalf of the federal government.

Colonel Sanger will leave Washington tomorrow for Shiloh, stopping at Newport, Ky., to inspect the army post at Fort Thomas. On his return he will visit Chattanooga, Tenn., for the purpose of inspecting Camp Thomas, the newly established post at Chickamauga National park.

Got a Bullet, Not a Drink.

Belford, Ind., April 1.—The strict order to keep saloons closed Sunday caused men to resort to various methods to procure a drink. Sunday night, Grant Millikan, an extra section boss on the Southern Indiana railroad, wanted a drink, and was told that he could obtain entrance at a back door of a saloon in North 1 street. He gave three light taps on the door as a signal, which was answered by a shot from the inside. The bullet went through the door and lodged in Millikan's side.

Reciprocity of Medical Records.

Indianapolis, April 1.—The state board of medical registration will meet at Chicago, April 26, with representatives of similar boards from Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin, and an effort will be made to effect a reciprocal arrangement for the recognition of the licenses of any one of the boards in the other states.

Boy Runs Away from Home.

Milroy, Ind., April 1.—The parents

of Orville M. Banta, 15 years old, are seeking the boy, who ran away from home on March 26. He is large for his age, has a dark complexion and hair, with a scar on the left side of his head. The boy wore a dark suit. No work shoes and carried rubber boots and a grain sack containing clothing.

Depauw University President.

Indianapolis, April 1.—Dr. Edwin H. Hughes, of Boston, was elected president of Depauw university yesterday, and a committee was appointed to notify him of his election. He has signified that he will accept if he is released from his pastorate. Dr. H. A. Buchtel, of Denver, and Dr. Ferdinand Iglehart, of New York, were also considered.

HONORS FOR LIEUTENANTS

Volunteers Recommended for Commissions in the Regular Army for Defeating San Miguel.

Manila, April 1.—Lieutenants Reese and Nickerson, who commanded the First and Fourth companies, respectively, of Macabete scouts when the latter defeated the main body of San Miguel's force on March 27, and killed the Filipino leader, have been recommended for commissions in the regular army. Lieutenant Philayson has been recommended for promotion in the scouts.

Otto Herter, of the hospital corps, who participated in the charge, shot five San Miguel's men and lost his own arm, and has been recommended for a medal of honor.

Roosevelt to See Iowa Products.

Des Moines, Ia., April 1.—President Roosevelt will be greeted by the large families of Des Moines and vicinity when he visits the city April 28. The mayor has suggested that in view of the chief executive's well known views on the size of American families he thought it would be appropriate to have the notable instances of this city gathered in a prominent place on the capitol grounds where he will speak, and the idea was accepted. The largest family will be given the seat of honor.

GREAT PACKER IS DEAD

Head of the Swift Company at Chicago Passes Away When Thought Out of Danger.

Chicago, March 30.—Gustavus Franklin Swift, president of the Swift Packing company, died at his home, 4848 Ellis avenue, early yesterday of internal hemorrhages resulting from a surgical operation performed several days ago. He was 63 years old. Swift was the father of eleven children, nine of whom survive him, and all of whom live in Chicago. Swift's fortune is estimated at from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

He trained all of his sons in the packing business. His eldest son, Louis F. Swift, is vice president of the company, and all the other sons hold responsible positions in it. The hemorrhage which caused Swift's death resulted from an operation for an infection of the gall bladder, performed March 22. His death was entirely unexpected both by the family and physicians. He had given every indication of recovery and all danger was considered past.

MRS. ROOSEVELT GOES TO SEA

Mayflower Sails with the President's Wife and Children for a Voyage of a Week.

Washington, March 30.—Mrs. Roosevelt and her children are taking a projected cruise on the president's yacht the Mayflower. They bade good-bye last night to the president, who leaves on his western trip Wednesday morning, and they then boarded the Mayflower, which has been lying at the navy yard here for some days.

The vessel has been entirely remodeled recently, and is in fine condition. Mrs. Roosevelt expects to be absent about a week. If the weather is good the vessel will go out into the open sea, the first stop being made at Fort Royal, S. C. If the weather conditions prove unfavorable the Mayflower will cruise in Chesapeake bay. The start from the navy yard was made early this morning.